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STAR WAR



SKYWALKER STRIKES

It is a period of renewed hope for the Rebellion. The evil Galactic Empire's greatest weapon, the Death Star, has been destroyed, and now the Rebel Alliance looks to press its advantage by unleashing a daring offensive throughout the far reaches of space.

Princess Leia Organa has led a covert team of rebels in an attack on Cymoon 1, the largest weapons factory in the galaxy. But after rigging the factory's main power core to explode and rescuing dozens of innocent slave workers, their escape plan was thwarted by the unexpected arrival of Darth Vader.

Now the rebels must fight their way to freedom, using the Empire's own vehicles as their means of escape. And Luke Skywalker must remain one step ahead of the unstoppable Lord Vader, who is beginning to take an interest in the young rebel pilot....

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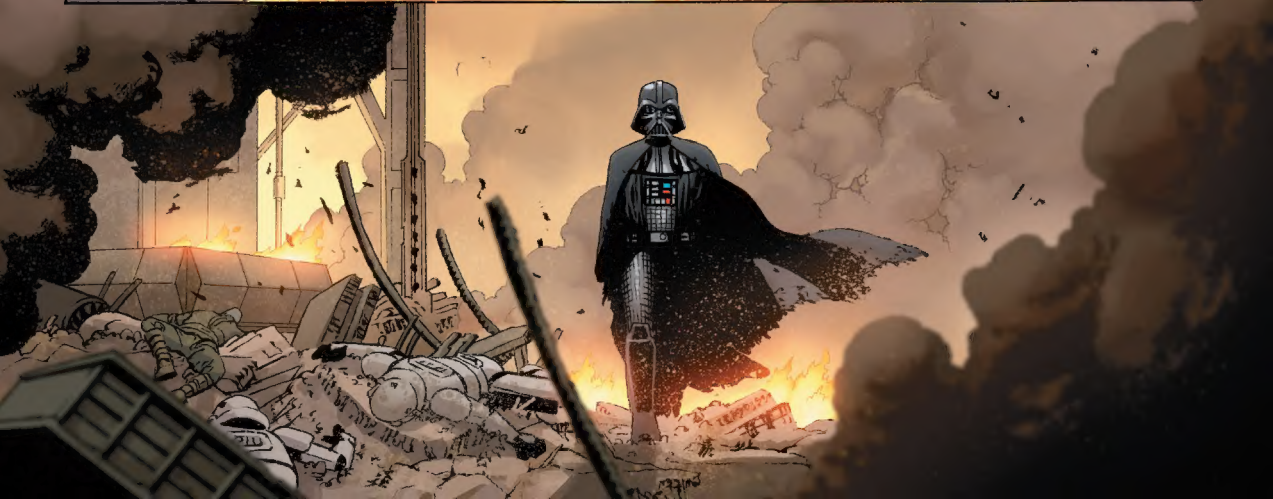
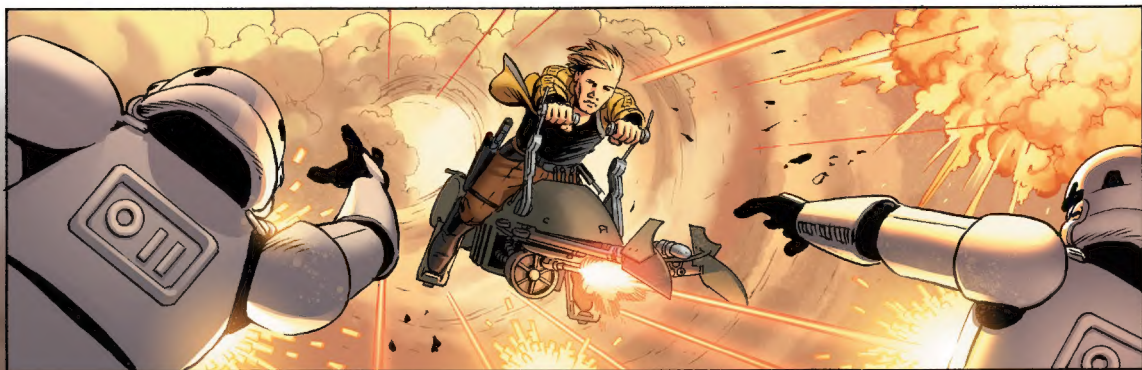
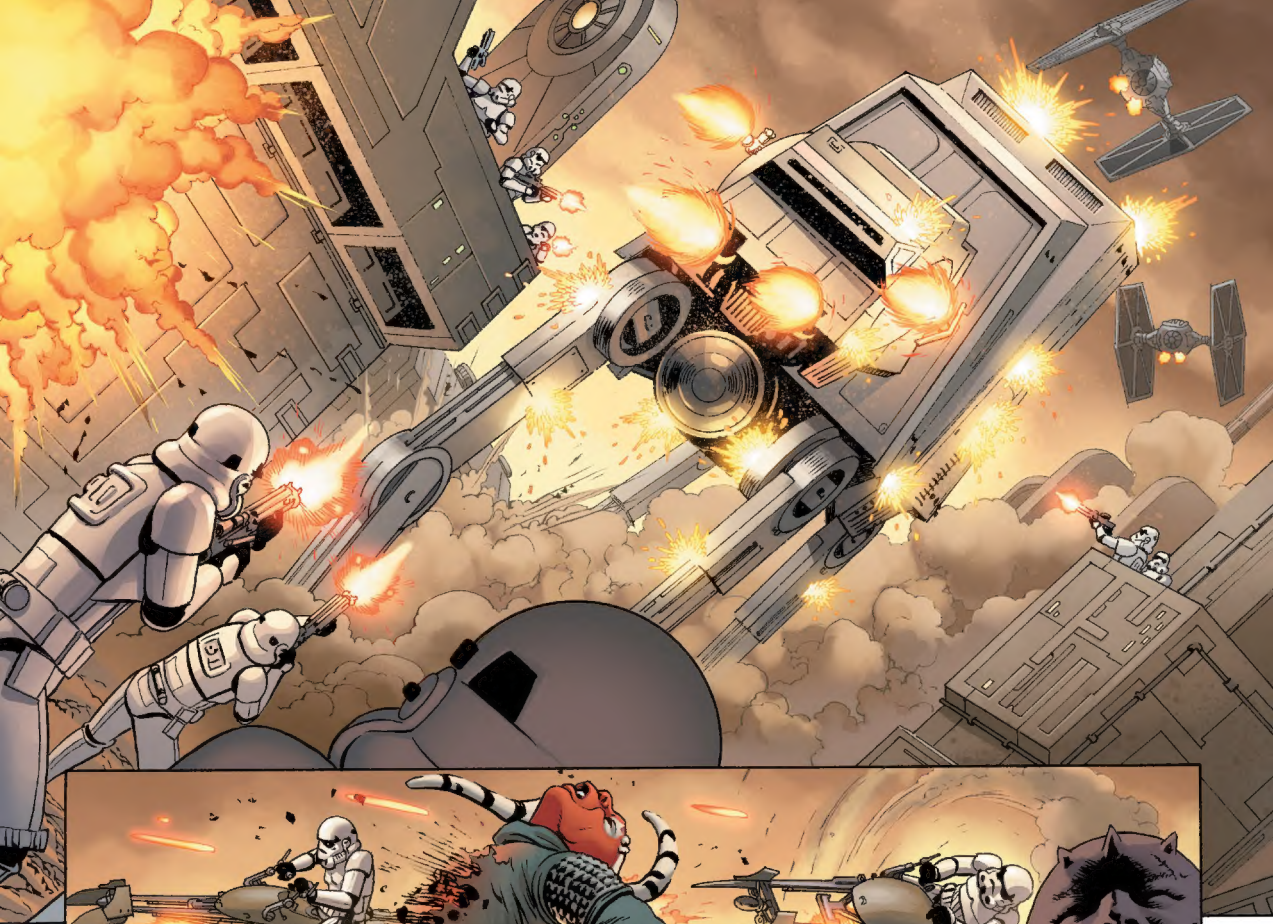
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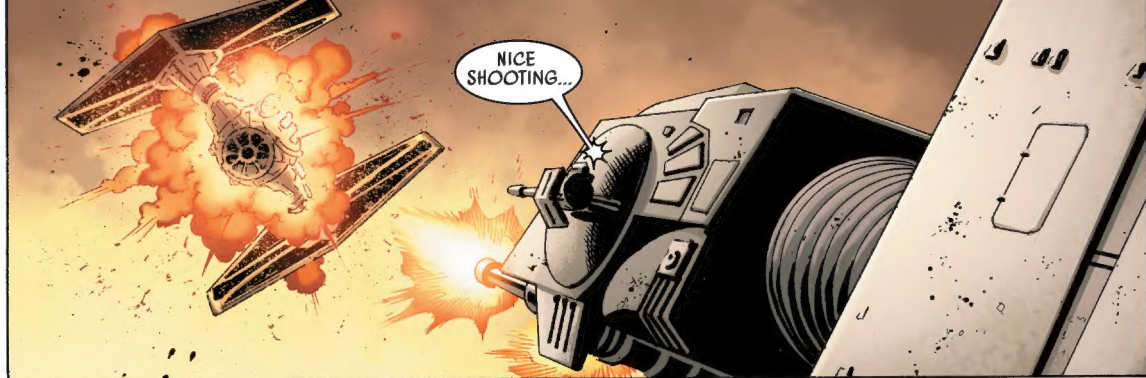
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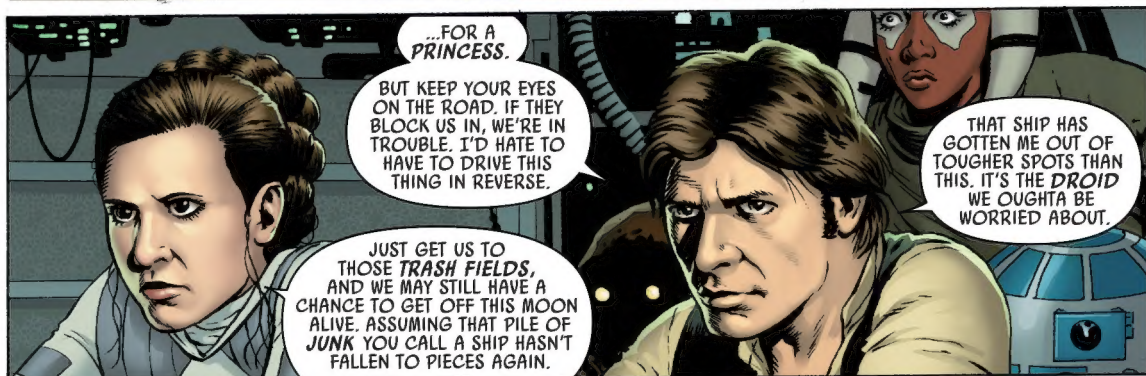


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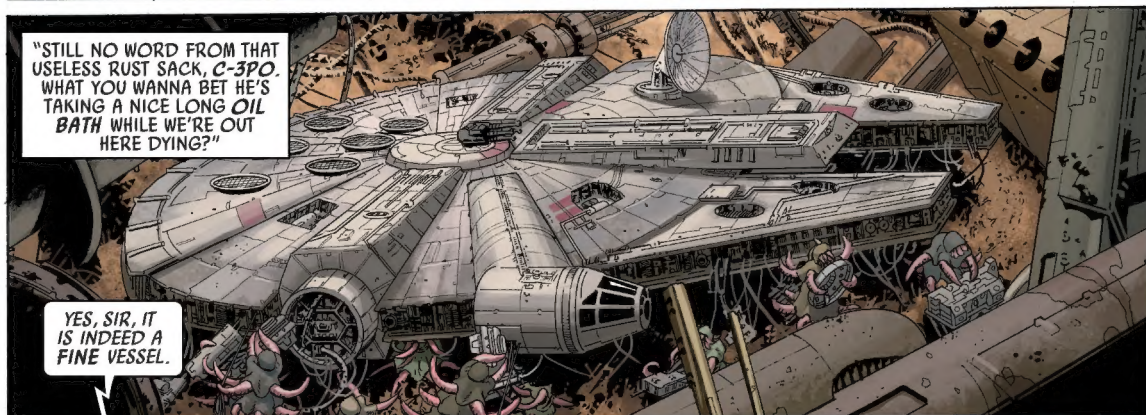


...FOR A PRINCESS.

BUT KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD. IF THEY BLOCK US IN, WE'RE IN TROUBLE. I'D HATE TO HAVE TO DRIVE THIS THING IN REVERSE.

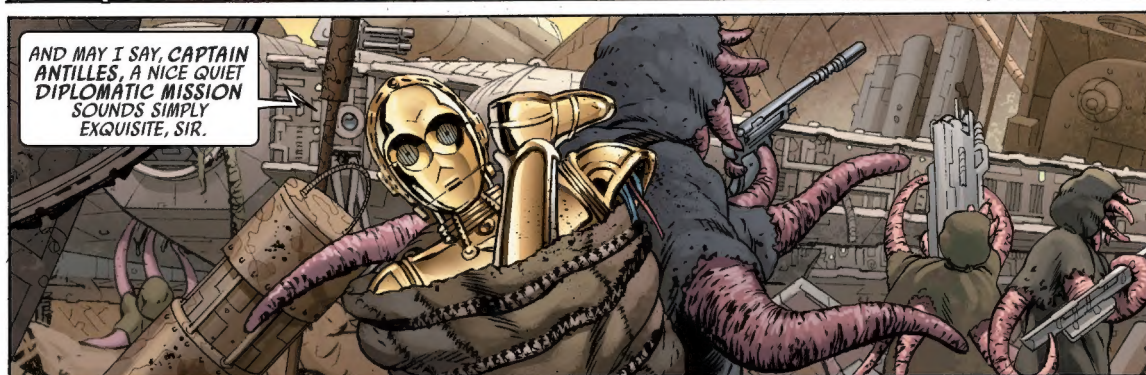
THAT SHIP HAS GOTTEN ME OUT OF TOUGHER SPOTS THAN THIS. IT'S THE DROID WE OUGHTA BE WORRIED ABOUT.

JUST GET US TO THOSE TRASH FIELDS, AND WE MAY STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET OFF THIS MOON ALIVE. ASSUMING THAT PILE OF JUNK YOU CALL A SHIP HASN'T FALLEN TO PIECES AGAIN.

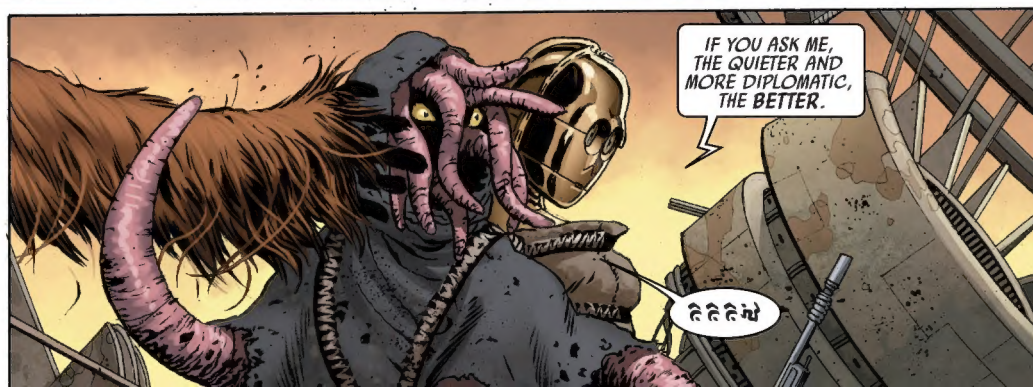


"STILL NO WORD FROM THAT USELESS RUST SACK, C-3PO. WHAT YOU WANNA BET HE'S TAKING A NICE LONG OIL BATH WHILE WE'RE OUT HERE DYING?"

YES, SIR, IT IS INDEED A FINE VESSEL.



AND MAY I SAY, CAPTAIN ANTILLES, A NICE QUIET DIPLOMATIC MISSION SOUNDS SIMPLY EXQUISITE, SIR.



IF YOU ASK ME, THE QUIETER AND MORE DIPLOMATIC, THE BETTER.

hahaha

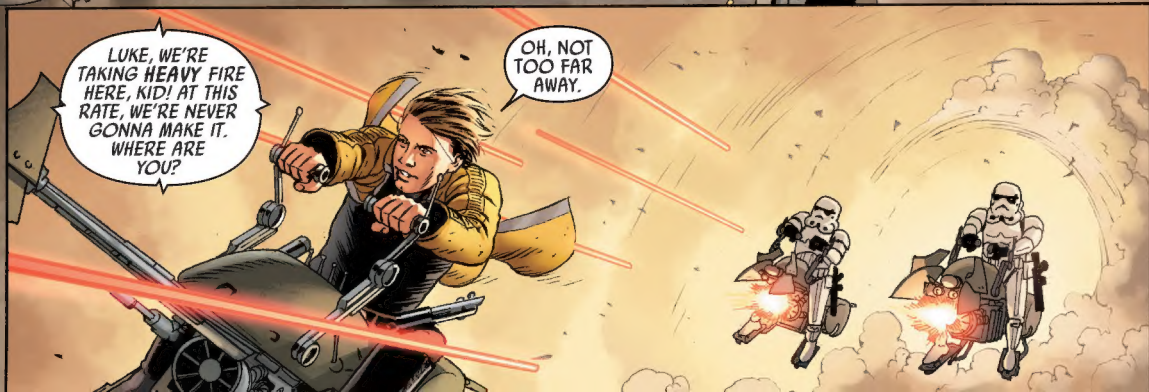




SCOUT WALKERS. ASSAULT TANKS. COMBAT SPEEDERS. YOU THINK THEY GOT ANOTHER DEATH STAR BACK THERE TOO?

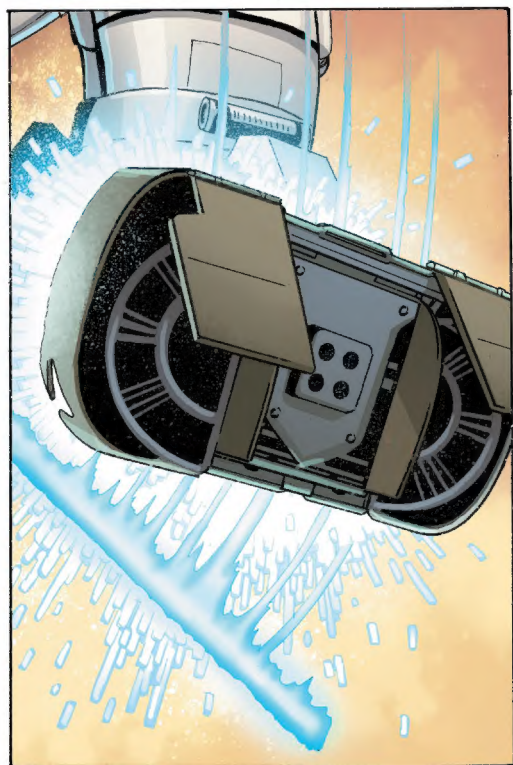
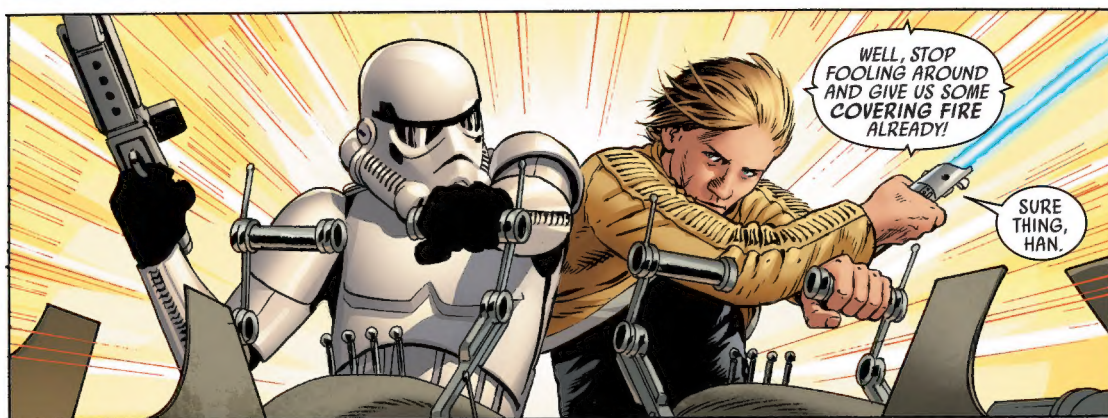
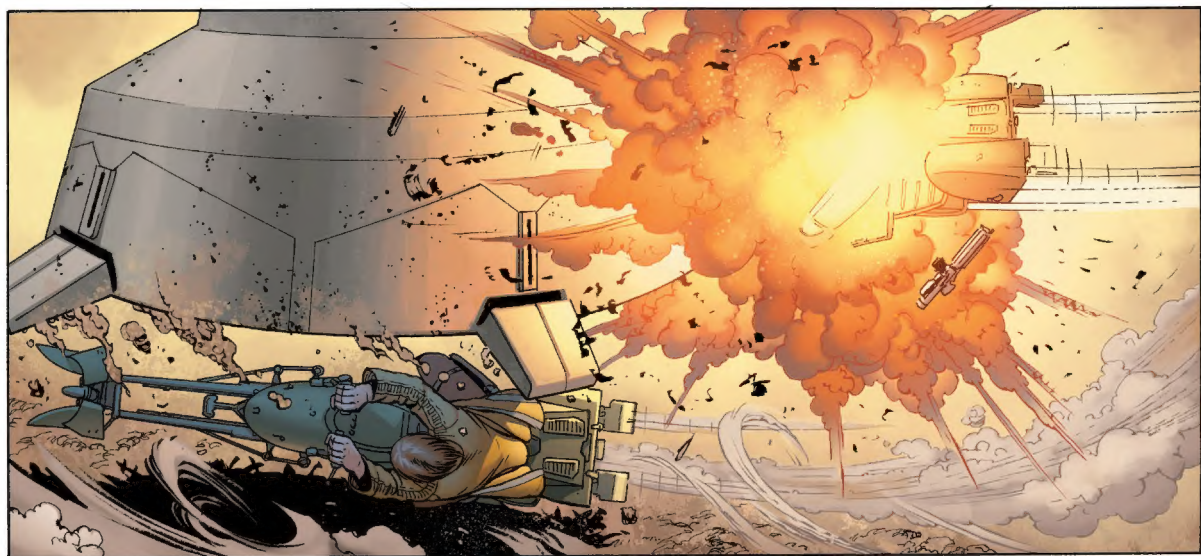
REMIC ME NEVER TO ATTACK ANOTHER WEAPONS FACTORY.

LUKE!



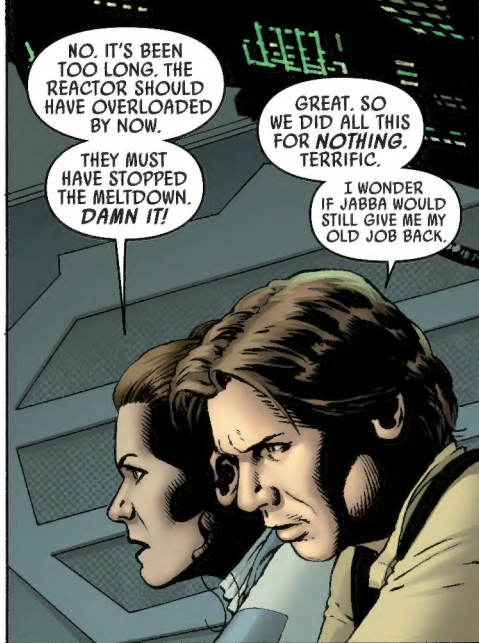
LUKE, WE'RE TAKING HEAVY FIRE HERE, KID! AT THIS RATE, WE'RE NEVER GONNA MAKE IT. WHERE ARE YOU?

OH, NOT TOO FAR AWAY.





AND DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THAT FACTORY, LUKE. THAT WHOLE THING'S GONNA EXPLODE ANY SECOND NOW.



NO. IT'S BEEN TOO LONG. THE REACTOR SHOULD HAVE OVERLOADED BY NOW.

THEY MUST HAVE STOPPED THE MELTDOWN. DAMN IT!

GREAT. SO WE DID ALL THIS FOR NOTHING. TERRIFIC.

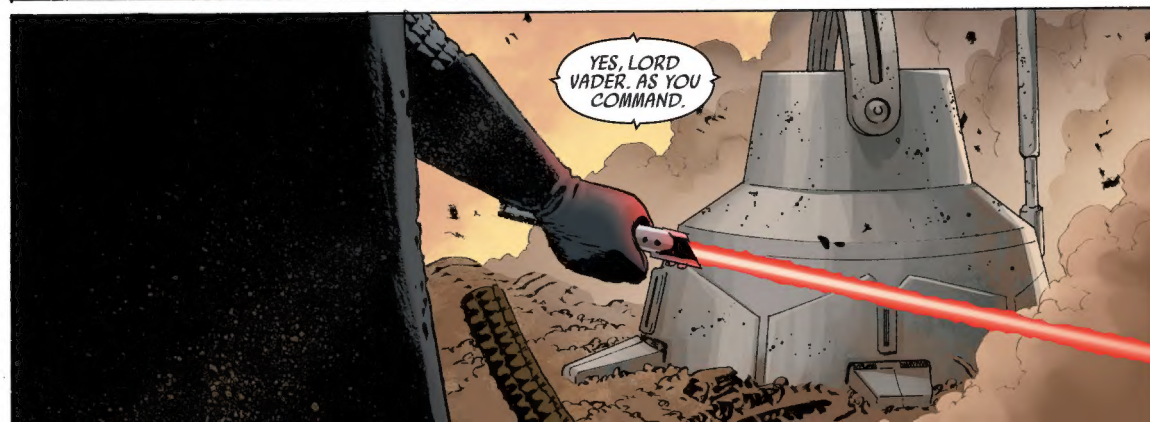
I WONDER IF JABBA WOULD STILL GIVE ME MY OLD JOB BACK.



LORD VADER, THIS IS **OVERSEER AGGADEEN**. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT, SIR, THAT WE'VE MANAGED TO HALT THE REACTOR'S MELTDOWN. THE FACTORY IS SAFE.

THEN PERHAPS YOU MIGHT YET LIVE TO SEE TOMORROW, OVERSEER.

SEND MORE TROOPS TO MY LOCATION. SEND EVERYONE WHO CAN HOLD A BLASTER. THE REBELS MUST NOT ESCAPE.



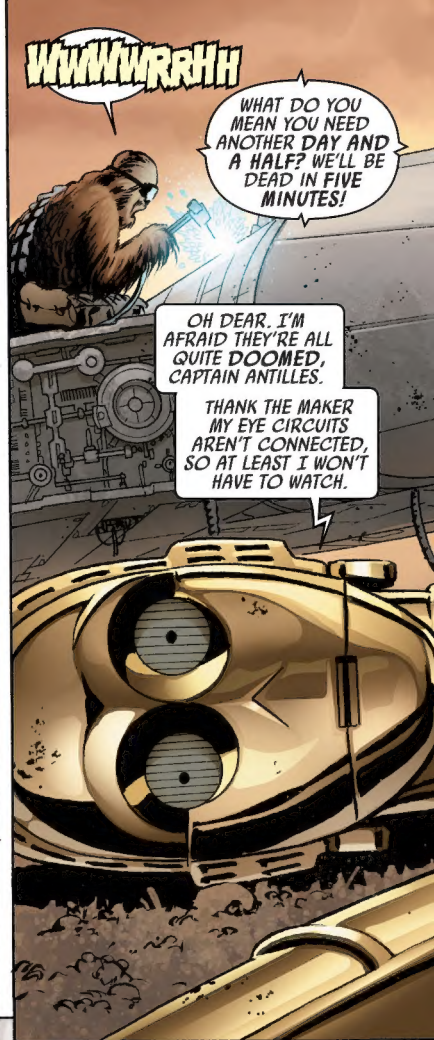
YES, LORD VADER. AS YOU COMMAND.



WHOA.
WHAT WAS
THAT?

WE JUST
LOST ONE
OF THE RIGHT
REAR ANKLE
COUPLINGS.

CHEWIE!
TELL ME
YOU'RE IN
THE AIR.

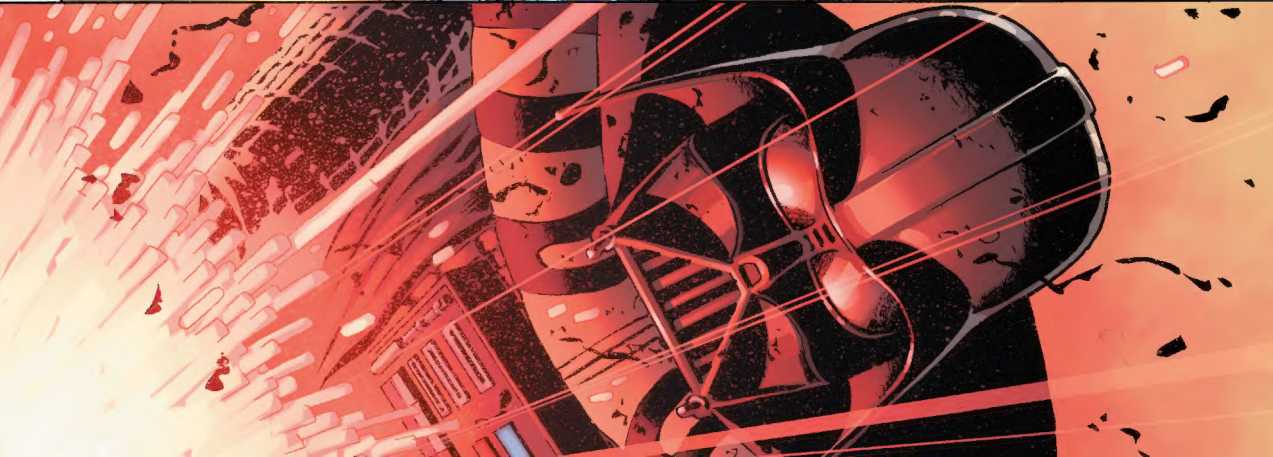
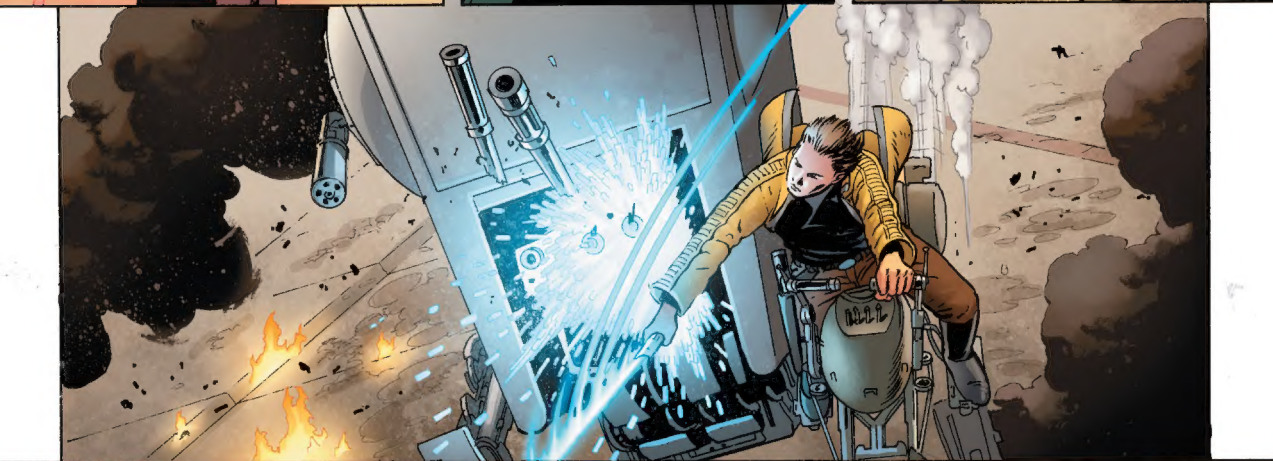


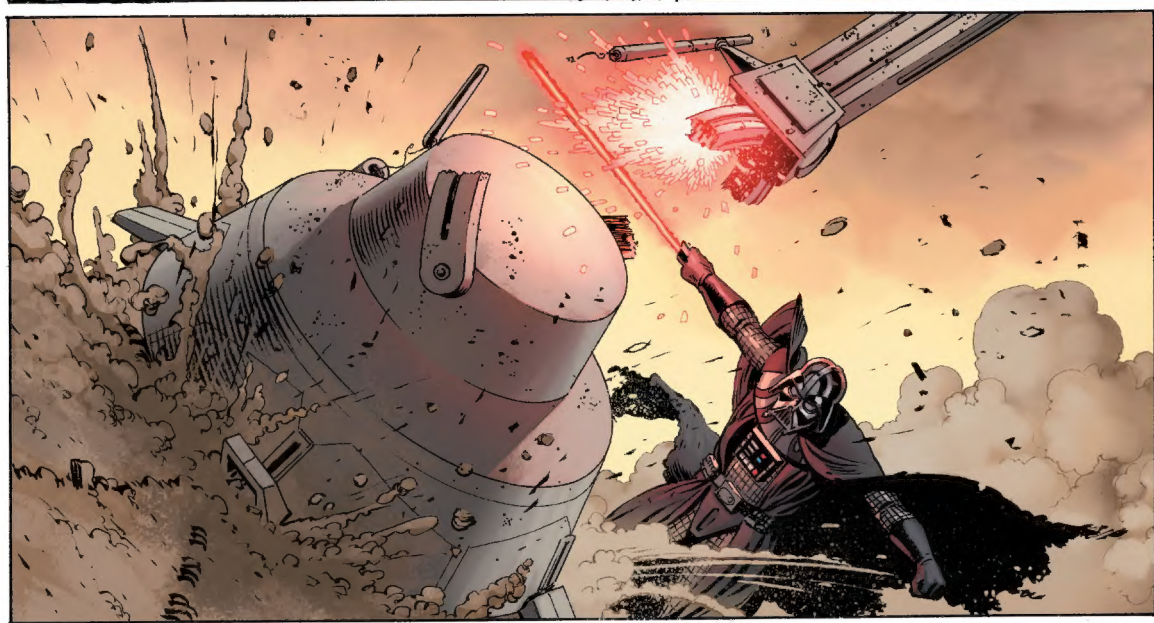
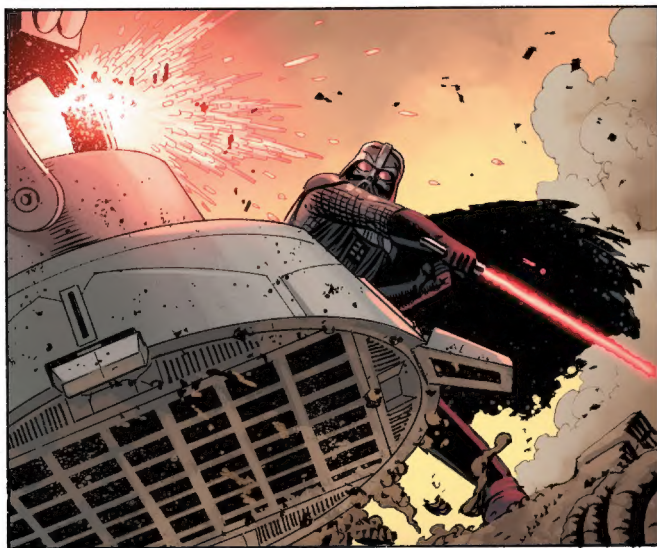
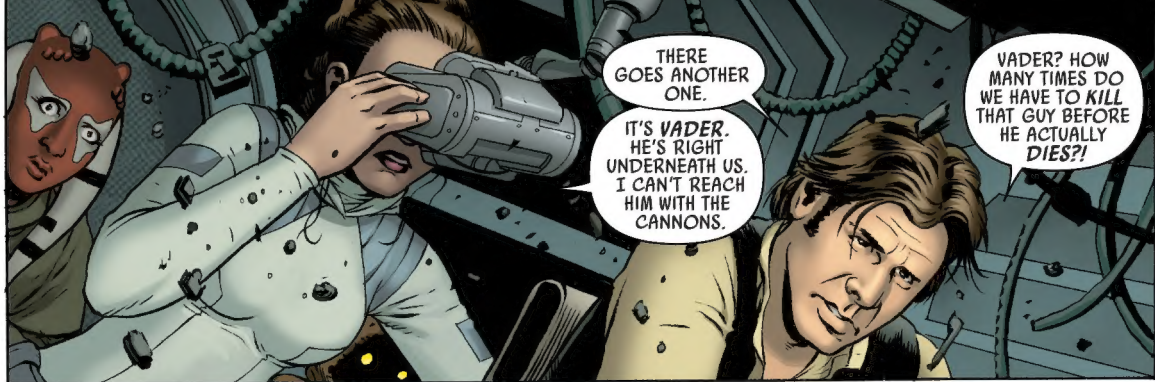
WWWWRRHH

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN YOU NEED
ANOTHER DAY AND
A HALF? WE'LL BE
DEAD IN FIVE
MINUTES!

OH DEAR, I'M
AFRAID THEY'RE ALL
QUITE DOOMED,
CAPTAIN ANTILLES.

THANK THE MAKER
MY EYE CIRCUITS
AREN'T CONNECTED,
SO AT LEAST I WON'T
HAVE TO WATCH.

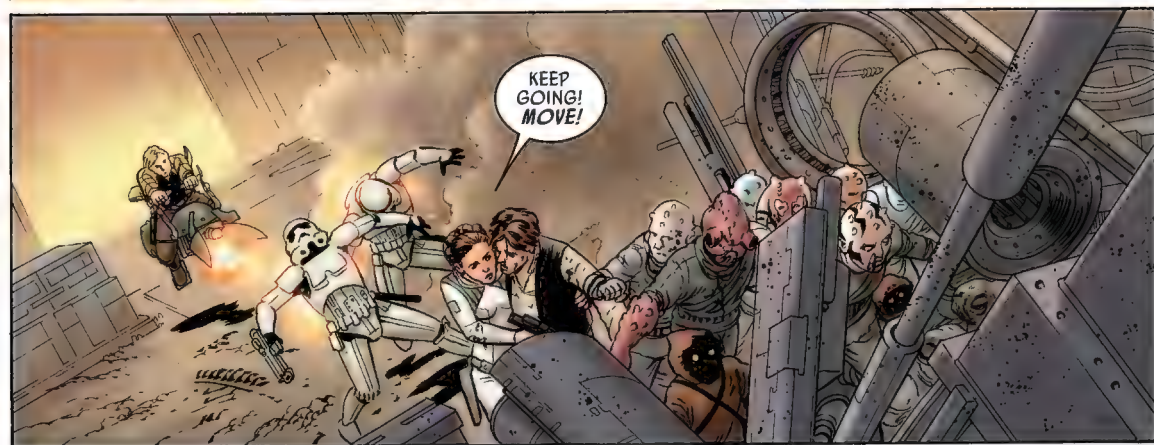
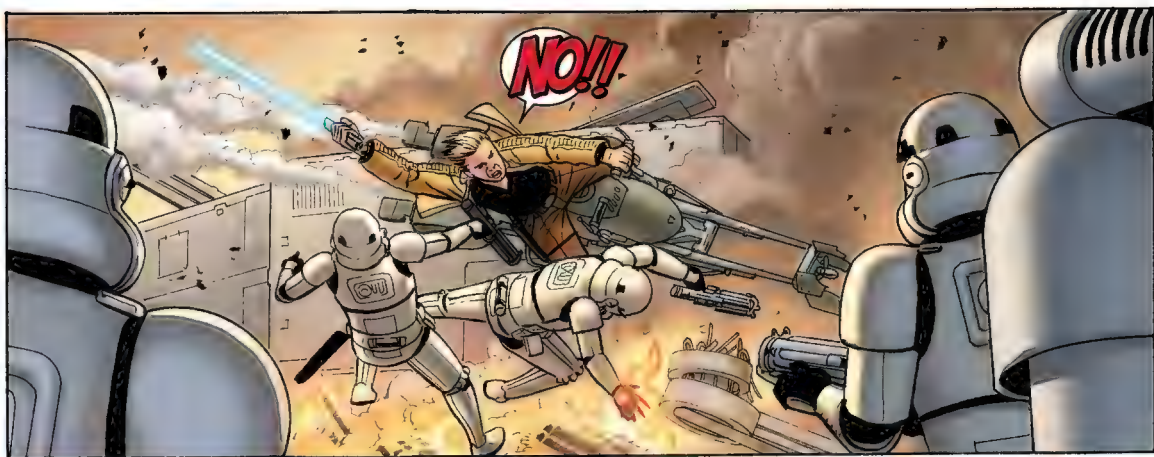






THE
WALKER HAS
FALLEN.

MOVE
IN FOR THE
KILL.





LUKE!
COME ON!

I CAN'T, LEIA.
I CAN'T LET THIS
ALL BE FOR
NOTHING.



LUKE, GET OFF
THAT SPEEDER!
THAT'S AN
ORDER!

DON'T
WAIT FOR
ME.



LUKE!



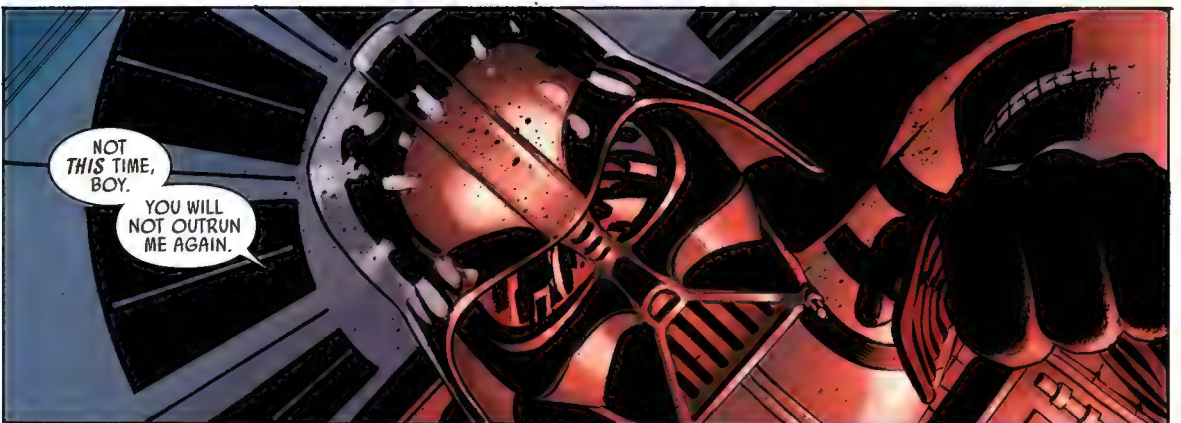
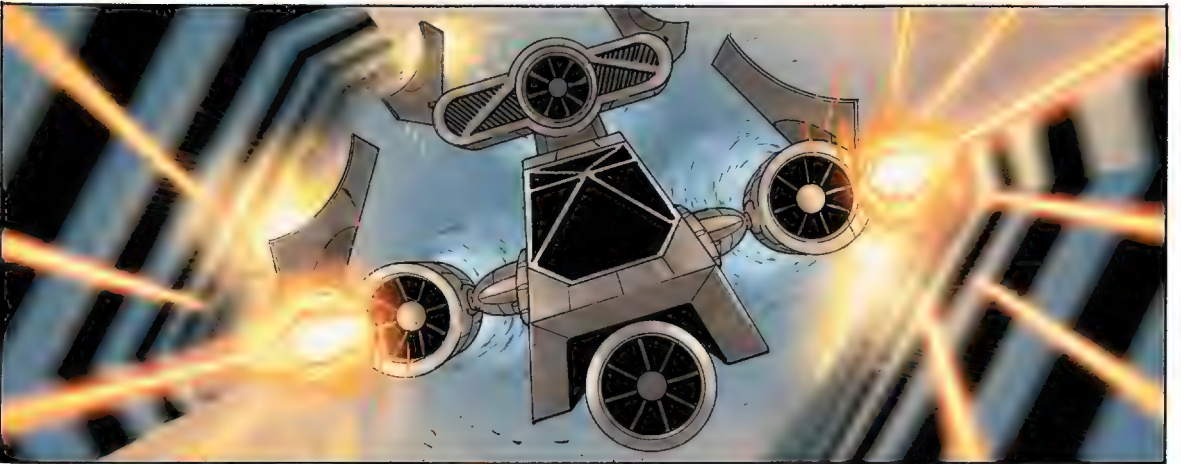
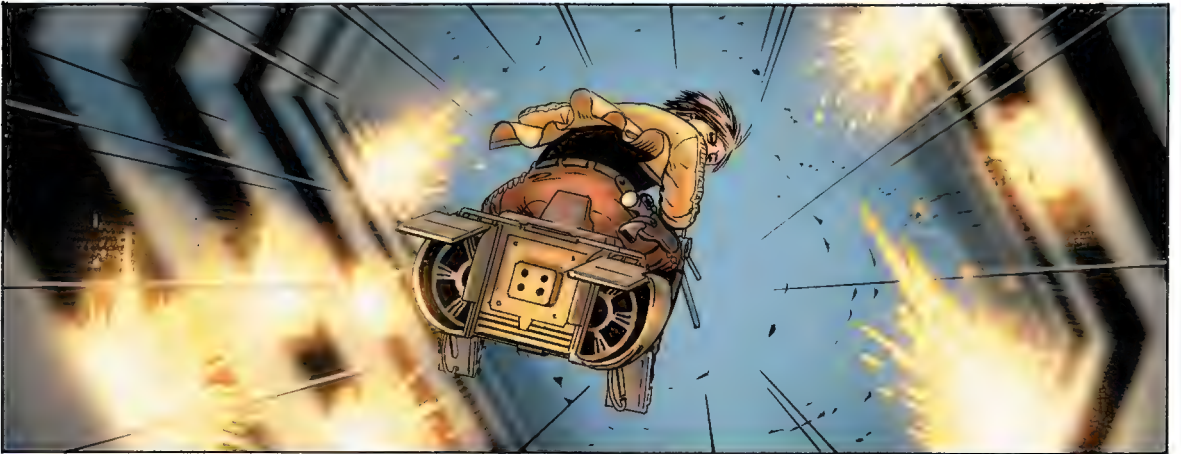
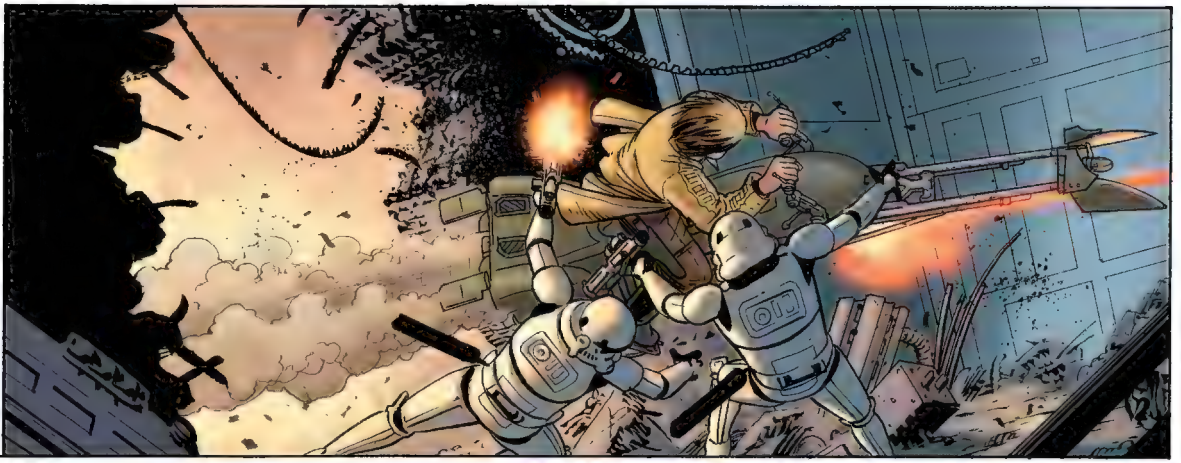
THEY'VE ENTERED THE
TRASH FIELDS. THE **TIE
BOMBERS** WILL TAKE
THEM OUT NOW.

SIR, THERE APPEARS
TO BE A REBEL HEADED
BACK TOWARD THE
FACTORY. SHOULD
WE...

GO
AFTER THE
OTHERS.



HUGGH





CATASTROPHE HAS BEEN AVERTED, OVERSEER. THE POWER CORE IS BACK TO NORMAL LEVELS. ALL SAFETY RESTRAINTS HAVE BEEN RESTORED.

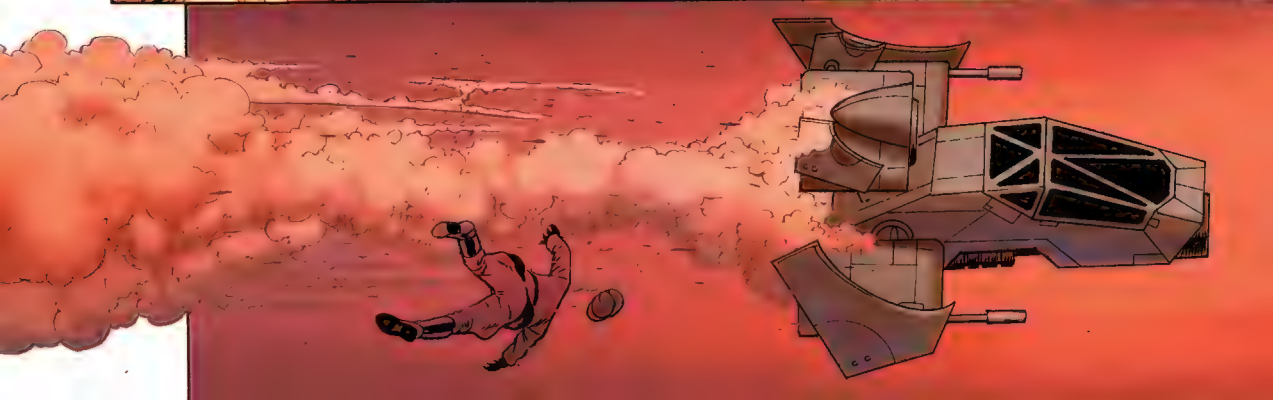
THANK THE STARS. THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.

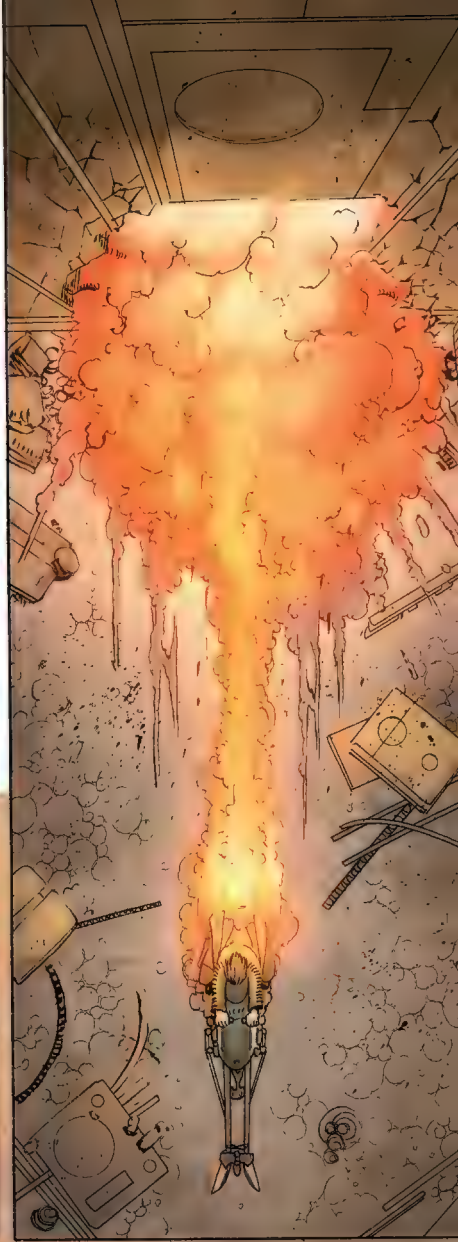


WARNING. POWER CORE OVERLOAD DETECTED.

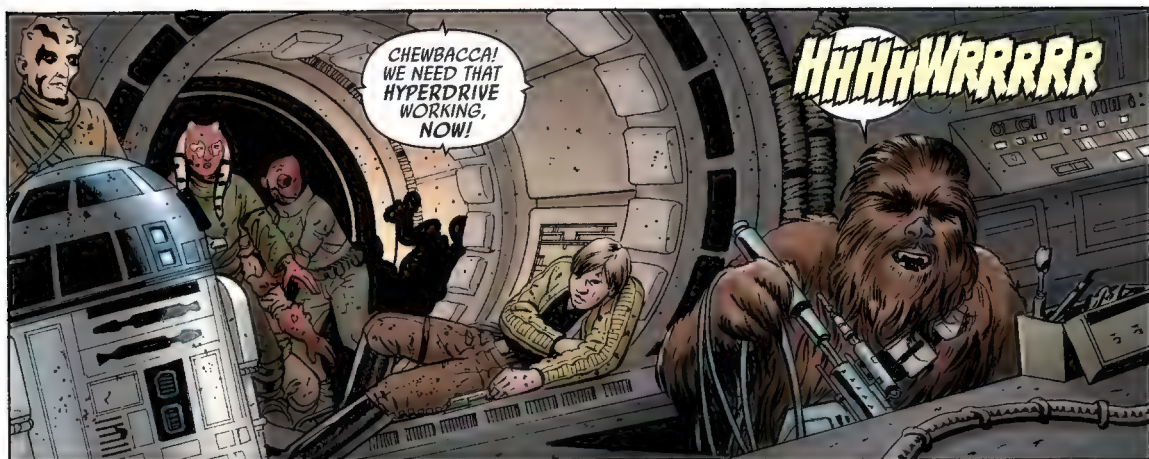
NO... THIS CAN'T HAPPEN.

LORD VADER WILL HAVE MY--











MAYBE THIS SHIP ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL. YOU'LL NEVER REMEMBER I SAID THAT, WILL YOU?

HUUGGGGH.

IS IT WRONG THAT I LIKE YOU BETTER THIS WAY?



LORD VADER... THIS IS CAPTAIN KRONN OF THE STAR DESTROYER ADJUDICATOR.

SIR, I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT... THAT THE REBEL SHIP HAS ELUDED THE BLOCKADE. IT APPEARS THAT THEY--

HGGGHK...GGGHKK...
ARRRRRGGGHHKKK...



THE BOY.

THE BOY IS YOUR LAST GREAT HOPE, ISN'T HE, OBI-WAN? HE IS WHAT YOU DIED TO PROTECT.

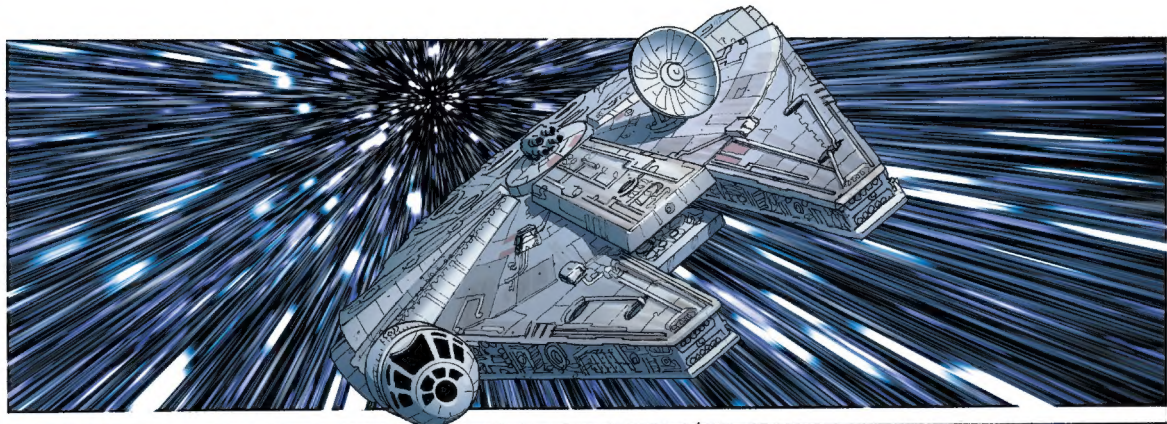
HE MAY BE STRONG IN THE FORCE, BUT HE IS UNTRAINED, AND WHO IS THERE LEFT TO TRAIN HIM NOW?

NO ONE BUT ME.

WHEN I FIND HIM...AND I WILL FIND HIM...HE WILL BE MY WEAPON, NOT YOURS.

THE DARK SIDE ALWAYS WINS, OBI-WAN. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT BY NOW.





IF I MAY SPEAK FRANKLY, CAPTAIN ANTILLES, THAT WAS THE STRANGEST DIPLOMATIC MISSION I'VE EVER EXPERIENCED.

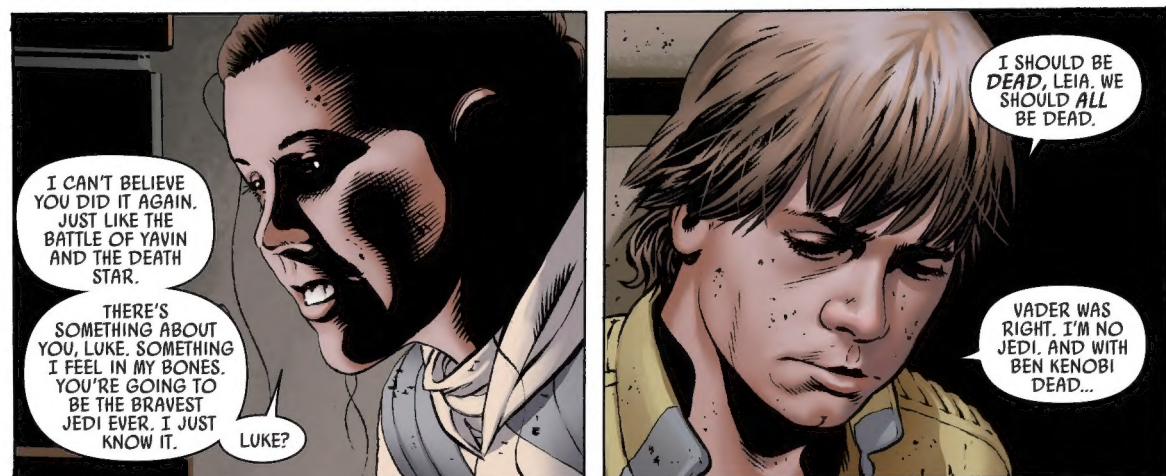
BREEP
BRIP BRIP
BOOP



LUKE, YOU
OKAY?

WHAT YOU
DID WAS CRAZY AND
INSUBORDINATE.

BUT THERE ARE
A LOT OF PEOPLE
HERE WHO WANT
TO **THANK** YOU.
INCLUDING
ME.



I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU DID IT AGAIN.
JUST LIKE THE
BATTLE OF YAVIN
AND THE DEATH
STAR.

THERE'S
SOMETHING ABOUT
YOU, LUKE. SOMETHING
I FEEL IN MY BONES.
YOU'RE GOING TO
BE THE BRAVEST
JEDI EVER. I JUST
KNOW IT.

LUKE?

I SHOULD BE
DEAD, LEIA. WE
SHOULD ALL
BE DEAD.

VADER WAS
RIGHT. I'M NO
JEDI. AND WITH
BEN KENOBI
DEAD...

"I NEVER
WILL BE."

THE *DUNE SEA*.
THIS IS A LONG
WAY TO COME
JUST TO DUMP
A BODY.

WHY DIDN'T WE
JUST DROP HIM IN
THE MIDDLE OF *MOS
EISLEY*? IT'S ANOTHER
DEAD RODIAN. WE
GET THOSE EVERY
DAY.

BECAUSE DUMPING HIM IN
MOS EISLEY MEANS ANSWERING
IMPERIAL QUESTIONS. AND
PAYING JABBA'S MURDER
TAX.

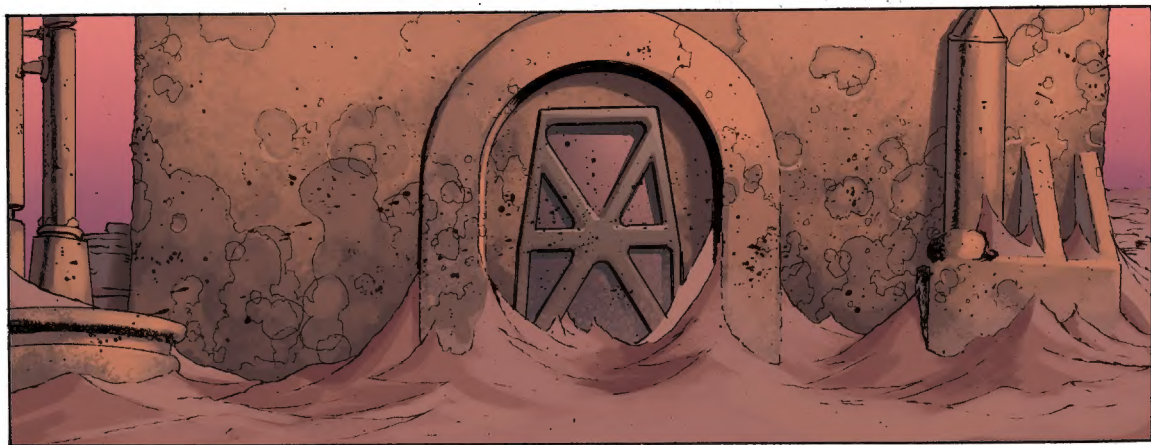
WHILE *OUT HERE*, ON
THE OTHER HAND...OUT
HERE THERE AIN'T NOBODY
TO EVEN NOTICE.

NOBODY, HUH? THEN
WHO LIVES *THERE*,
GENIUS?

AH, SOME
CRAZY OLD
WIZARD. *KENOBI*,
I THINK HE'S
CALLED.

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT HIM. HE
KEEPS TO
HIMSELF.

JUST KEEP
AN EYE OUT
FOR *SAND
PEOPLE*.



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